

Remarks

The Office Action mailed April 10, 2000 has been carefully considered. After such consideration, Claims 2 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice and Claims 1 and 3-5; 7 and 10; 23; and 24 have been amended along the lines suggested by the Examiner to more particularly define the Applicant's present invention over the references. Specifically, independent Claims 1 and 23 have been amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent Claim 2 and independent Claims 7 and 24 have been amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent Claim 9. As such, Claims 1 and 3-6; 7-8 and 10-12; 13-22; 23; 24; and 25 remain in the case with the Examiner indicating 2-5 and 8-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and Claims 13-22 and 25 being allowed.

A separate petition to accept photographs and the required petition fee is filed concurrently with this response.

The Applicant submits that by this amendment, he has placed the case in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains unresolved, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

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